

**CONFIRMATION OF APPROVAL STATUS BASED ON 2007 NCLEX-RN® EXAMINATION  
PASS RATE, REVIEW OF 2007 NURSING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION SURVEY  
(NEPIS) AND 2007 COMPLIANCE AUDIT OF NURSING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM (CANEP),  
AND REVIEW OF SELF-STUDY  
GALVESTON COLLEGE IN GALVESTON, TEXAS  
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Consider staff recommendation concerning approval status and requirement to be met for the Galveston College Associate Degree Nursing Education Program based on review of the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2007, review of the 2007 RN-NEPIS and RN-CANEP, and review of the self-study report received March 24, 2008.

**HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:**

Year	Approval Status	NCLEX-RN® Pass Rate	Number of First-Time Candidates (Passed/Total)
2007	Full	75.41%	46/61
2006	Full	83.61%	51/61
2005	Full	88.52%	54/61

- Galveston College Associate Degree Nursing Educational Program has been in operation since 1976.
- Due to the 75.41% pass rate on the 2007 NCLEX-RN® examination, the program was required to submit a self-study report that evaluated factors which contributed to graduates' performance and a description of corrective measures to be implemented.
- The self-study report was received in the Board office on March 24, 2008.

**PROS AND CONS:**

Pros-

- The self-study report submitted to board staff provided pertinent information and a comprehensive analysis of the program.
- The director commented on the value of their writing the self-study and the new insight gained into their program.
- The program has already begun to implement many of the corrective measures discussed in the self-study Report.
- The program recognized contributing factors which may have affected the program's pass rate:
  - Student factors: students who failed NCLEX-RN included more readmitted or transfer students; students experienced multiple life stressors
  - Policies: admission criteria needing reconsideration
  - Faculty: high turnover which created discord
  - Curriculum: need for revision
  - Testing and Evaluation: need for improvement in test development; need for online testing for students
  - Evaluation Methods: plan for revision of tools and grading criteria
  - Total Program Evaluation Plan: in revision

- Corrective measures planned and being implemented:
  - Revised admission policies will be effective Fall 2008.
  - Major curriculum change will be implemented Fall 2008.
  - A test oversight committee has been formed to deal with testing issues.
  - The Evaluation Committee is in the process of reviewing all evaluation tools.
  - The Evaluation Committee is reviewing and revising the Total Evaluation Plan

Cons-

- Galveston College is advertising for full/part time nursing faculty and a nursing lab instructor on their web page.
- The program director resigned effective June 26, 2008.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Move to continue full approval status for the Galveston College Associate Degree Nursing Educational Program, accept the self-study Report, and issue the requirement as indicated in the attached letter (See Attachment).

**DRAFT LETTER**

July 21, 2008

Interim Director, Associate Degree Nursing Educational Program  
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Dear .....

At the July 17-18, 2008 meeting, the members of the Texas Board of Nursing discussed the approval status of the Galveston College Associate Degree Nursing Educational Program based on the NCLEX-RN® examination pass rate for 2007, review of the 2007 RN-NEPIS and RN-CANEP, and review of the March 2008 self-study report. Based upon the discussion and review of documents, it was the decision of the Board to continue the Full Approval status of the Galveston College Associate Degree Nursing Program, accept the self-study report, and issue the following requirement to be met:

**REQUIREMENT:**

Rule 215.6(f) related to Administration and Organization requires that "Each professional nursing education program shall be administered by a qualified individual who is accountable for the planning, implementation and evaluation of the professional nursing education program." A review of the March 2008 self-study report revealed that the report contains ongoing corrective measures. **Therefore**, the program director shall be responsible for the implementation and continuing evaluation of ongoing corrective measures identified in the self-study report and shall submit an evaluation of the effectiveness of corrective measures with the 2008 RN-CANEP.

Please provide an evaluation of the effectiveness of the major curriculum change with the RN-CANEP through graduation of the first class using the new curriculum.

A requirement is a mandatory criterion based upon program assessment directly related to the rules that must be addressed in the manner prescribed.

If you have any questions, or if we may be of any assistance, please contact board staff at (512) 305-6814.

Sincerely,

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